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SUBJ: LAURIE CARMICHAEL VISA REFUSAL

REF : (A) MELBOURNE 1002

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1. AS EXPECTED PARA 5, REF D, CARMICHAEL IS MOUNTING A CONSIDERABLE CAMPAIGN TO GENERATE MAXIMUM PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR HIS REQUEST TO GO TO THE U.S. AND PROTEST AGAINST U.S. REFUSAL OF VISA. RADIO BROADCAST THIS AFTERNOON (REF E) THREATENS PROSPECT OF INDUSTRIAL ACTION AGAINST AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS IN AUSTRALIA. IN ADDITION, AUSTRALIAN MINERS FEDERATION HAS CABLED CONGEN TO "PROTEST AGAINST REFUSAL OF VISA TO CARMICHAEL. PREVENTING CARMICHAEL FROM ACCEPTING AMERICAN UNION INVITATION IS ANTI-AUSTRALIAN AND UNDEMOCRATIC."

2. LEADERS OF AMALGAMATED METAL WORKERS UNION WILL CALL AT THEIR REQUEST ON CONGEN FRIDAY AFTERNOON TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS. DELEGATION WILL INCLUDE FIVE LEADERS OF THE UNION, INCLUDING PRESIDENT JACK DEVEREAUX, AND GEORGE ATKINS, RICHARD SCOTT, JIM RALSTON AND HARRY WILSON. CONGEN WILL STICK TO THE FACTS; NAMELY, THAT CASE WAS REFERRED TO WASHINGTON WHERE A DECISION WAS MADE NOT REPEAT NOT TO GRANT

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A WAIVER. CONGEN WILL ALSO AGREE TO CONVEY A MESSAGE FROM

THE UNION TO WASHINGTON IF THEY REQUEST.

3. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH ME, JOHN DUCKER, THE RIGHT WING PRESIDENT OF THE N.S.W. BRANCH OF THE LABOR PARTY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE N.S.W. LABOR COUNCIL, EXPRESSED DEEP REGRET OVER REFUSAL ON THE GROUND THAT A VISIT TO THE UNITED AUTO WORKERS UNION IN THE U.S. WOULD BE GOOD FOR CARMICHAEL, WHEREAS A REFUSAL WILL MAKE A MARTYR OF A COMMUNIST. DUCKER WISHED THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE U.S. UNILATERALLY TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION. IN EVENT PRESSURE DOES MOUNT, HE THOUGHT IT WOULD THEN BE MORE DIFFICULT FOR U.S. TO RECONSIDER. I GAVE HIM NO ENCOURAGEMENT THAT U.S. WOULD REVERSE ITS DECISION.

4. ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN OR WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH U.A.W. TO PREPARE THEM. OBVIOUSLY IT WOULD BE A GREAT ADVANTAGE TO HAVE THE UAW ON OUR SIDE AND A CORRESPONDINGLY GREAT DISADVANTAGE TO HAVE THE UAW SYMPATHIZE WITH CARMICHAEL.

5. WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.  
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